

Application No. 10/733,200  
Amendment Dated March 5, 2008  
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**Remarks**

Claim 3-4 and 7-8 are allowed (to be renumbered 1-4 at issue).

Claim 7 has been amended.

Claims 3, 4, 7 and 8 are submitted herein for review.

No new matter has been added.

Applicants hereby submit this Amendment after the Notice of Allowance under 37 CFR 1.312 to correct a minor typographical error. In claim 7, the element "...when said first overhead received by said first transceiver unit includes a bit pattern at a predetermined location within a line overhead in the case of SONET and within [[and]] an M section in the case [[sace]] of SDH..." has been amended to correct two minor typographical errors.

Pursuant to MPEP 714.16, Applicants assert that such changes are needed to correct the spelling of the terms and thus are minor in character and require no additional search or examination. The claims remain patentable for the reasons of record and were only not presented as such earlier to the inadvertent misspellings.

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